

**LIST OF CLAIMS, SHOWING THE STATUS OF EACH CLAIM**

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A GG36 protease variant comprising an amino acid sequence having a substitution at the residue position equivalent to residue positions 26 and 218 of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2, wherein said substitution comprises V26T or V26S, and N218S.
2. (Currently Amended) The GG36 protease variant of claim 1, wherein said variant includes at least one improved property selected from a) wash performance and b) stability as compared to SEQ ID NO:6.
3. (Currently Amended) The GG36 protease variant of Claim1, wherein said protease variant exhibits improved thermostability as compared to the subtilisin set forth in SEQ ID NO:6.

Claims 4.-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A DNA encoding a GG36 protease variant of claim 1.
16. (Original) An expression vector encoding the DNA of claim 15.
17. (Original) A host cell transformed with the expression vector of claim 16.
18. (Currently Amended) A cleaning composition comprising the GG36 protease variant of claim 1.